QUERIES

In Order to the Description of

BRITANNIA.

WHEREAS *John Ogilby* Esq; His Majesties *Cosmographer*, being Authoriz'd by His Majesty to make an *Actual Survey* of His Majesties Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, in order to the Compiling *An Historical and Geographical Description* thereof, more Accurate than whatever has been heretofore done, in a fair large Volume, stil'd *BRITANNIA*: accompanied with another Volume of all the Principal ROADS of *England*, Ichnographically describ'd in Copper Sculptures. And being sensible that the Well-performance hereof will render it a Work highly grateful to the Publick, his Request is, That the Nobility and Gentry, and all other Ingenious Persons, would be pleas'd to return him, to his House in *White-Fryers*, *London*, such Remarques of the Country or Places of their Residence, or what other they may be acquainted with, as shall happen within the Verge of these following *Queries*.

1. *Cities*, their Antiquity, Government, Privileges, Commerce, &c.
2. *Towns Corporate*, *Market-Towns*, *Fair Towns*, *Villages*, and *Hamlets*, &c.
3. *Houses* of *Nobility* and *Gentry*, with the ancient as well as present Possessors.
4. *Castles*, *Churches*, *Chappels*, *Schools*, *Colleges*, *Hospitals*, and other *Publick Buildings*, &c.
5. *Mills*, *Beacons*, *Bridges*, *Crosses*, *Towers*, *Pyramids*.
6. *Chaces*, *Forests*, *Woods*, *Groves*, *Parks*, *Warrens*, *Commons*, *Heaths*, &c.
7. *Mountains*, *Valleys*, *Dikes*, *Rivers*, *Brooks*, *Water-works*, *Sluces*, *Ponds*, *Meres*, &c.
8. *Springs*, *Wells*, *Baths*, Cold and Hot *Waters*, Medicinal, Aluminous, Bituminous, Nitrous, Petrifying, &c.
9. *Works* and *Mines* of *Gold*, *Silver*, *Copper*, *Lead*, *Black-lead*, *Tin*, *Iron*, *Salt*, *Salt-petre*, *Allom*, *Coperas*, *Gems*, *Precious Stones*, *Glass*, *Crystal*, *Marble*, *Alabaster*, *Plaister*, *Fullers-Earth*, *Ochre*, *Tobacco-pipe Clay*, *Potters Clay*, *Lime*, *Chalk*, *Marl*, *Freestone*, *Milstone*, *Grindstone*, *Whetstone*.
10. *Precincts* of Dioceses, *Bounds* and *Limits* of Counties, Hundreds, and Parishes, Peculiars, and Priviledg'd Places.
11. *Roman Ways* and *Stations*, *Coins* and *Monuments*, and other Antiquities.
12. Extaordinary *Accidents*, *Calamities*, and *Casualties*.
13. Peculiar *Customs* and *Manners*.
14. *Decay'd Places*, whether Cities, Towns, Castles, Monasteries, Abbies, or other Houses of Note.
15. *Vaults*, *Caves*, *Caverns*, *Holes*, *Hollows*, *Subterraneau Passages*, or other Rarities.
16. Places of Birth, Education, Habitation, and Sepulture of *Eminent Persons*.
17. *Improvements* in *Husbandry*, *Mechanicks*, *Manufactures*, &c.
18. Extraordinary *Productions* of *Cattel*, *Fowl*, *Fruit*, *Plants*, *Herbs*, or other Animals or Vegetables.
19. What Part of the Country is *Arable*, *Pasture*, *Meadow*, *Woods*, and *Champain*.
20. On the Sea-coasts, *Ports*, *Harbors*, *Havens*, *Creeks*, *Peels*, *Peers*, *Watch Towers*, *Land-marks*, *Light-houses*, *Sands*, *Sholes*, *Islands*, *Eits*, &c.
21. Productions of the Sea-coasts, of *Fish*, *Shell-fish*, *Amber*, *Jet*, *Coral*, *Herbs*, &c.
22. Extraordinary or Irregular *Ebbings* or *Flowings* of the Sea, &c.

To such Ingenious Persons as shall be more Eminently Instrumental herein, either by themselves or others, the Author will make Honorable Returns of Books, and carefully discharge whatever necessary Expences shall appear to have been laid out in this Concern.

And to whom Money shall be more acceptable, the Author promises such Wages and Allowances as may handsomly correspond their Pains; Always presuming, That nothing will be impos'd upon him, without sufficient Authority for its Assertion; Truth being the main of his Design in all his Collections.

From the Office in White-Fryers,
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